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TAGS: OGEN (JOHNSON, SAMUEL)

SUBJECT: INJURED LIBERIAN STUDENT

REF: (A) MONROVIA 3810; (B) STATE 151915; (C) STATE 157557

1. IN EFFORT GET REALISTIC ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 3
REF (B), EMOBFF CALLED ON ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR PUBLIC HEATH
JOSIAH BROWN AFTERNOON AUG 10. BROWN FAMILIAR WITH BARE BONES
OF CASE AND NOT AWARE OF ANY REQUESTS FROM LIBERIAN EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, HE GAVE AS HIS UNOFFICIAL OPINION
LIKELIHOOD PRESIDENT TOLBERT WOULD TAKE VERY ACTIVE INTEREST IN
CASE AND THAT GOL, AS RESULT, WOULD RESPOND. HE SAID IT ALSO
HIS OPINION PRIVATE CITIZENS HERE WOULD RESPOND IN SIMILAR
VEIN. HE ADDED PERSONAL THOUGHT GOL WOULD AS MINIMUM COVER
RETURN TRANSPORTATION. BROWN PROMISED TO CHECK AND SEE IF ANY
REQUESTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN HIS MINISTRY OR AT FONOFF AND
SAID HE WOULD FORWARD FULL MEMO TO MINISTER BRIGHT AND IM-
PLIED SAME MEMO WOULD EVENTUALLY REACH EYES OF TOLBERT.
EMBASSY CONCURS IN BROWN'S FEELING ABOUT LIBERIAN PUBLIC
OPINION AND TOLBERT'S PERSONAL FEELINGS.

2. EMOBFF STRESSED FACT HE CALLING IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY
AND THAT USG COULD NOT BECOME OFFICIALLY INVOLVED IN CASE SINCE
JOHNSON IN US ON PRIVATE VISIT. BROWN, WHO AS RESULT STUDIES
AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FULLY AWARE OF YOUTH FOR UNDERSTAND-
ING, SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

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3. ON QUESTION OF JOHNSONFAMILY ATTITUDES TOWARDS FUND
RAISING CAMPAIGN, BROWN OPINED THEY NOT LIKELY OBJECT BUT
SUGGESTED WE TALK TO BRIG. JOHNSON HIMSELF. PERHAPS DEPT.
COULD ASCERTAIN MOTHER'S FEELINGS?

4. REF (C) ARRIVED MONROVIA TOO LATE TO CHANGE APPOINTMENT
AT MINHEALTH. WE DO NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY, VIEW BROWN'S
ASSESSMENT SITUATION, TAKE UP MATTER AT MINED UNLESS DEPT.
WISHES US DO SO.

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